

AMENDMENTS TO JUSTICE COURT

OPERATIONS

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Ed P. Mayne

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill allows municipal and county justice courts to operate four days per week with expanded hours.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows municipal and county justice courts to be open to transact judicial business for no less than four days per week for at least 11 hours per day.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

78-5-108, as enacted by Chapter 157, Laws of Utah 1989

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **78-5-108** is amended to read:

78-5-108. Trial facilities -- Hours of business.

(1) A justice court judge shall conduct all official court business in a courtroom or office located in a public facility which is conducive and appropriate to the administration of justice.

(2) Each county, city, or town shall provide adequate courtroom and auxiliary space for

the justice court. The facility need not be specifically constructed for or allocated solely for the justice court if existing facilities adequately serve the purposes of the justice court.

(3) County and municipal justice courts shall be open and judicial business shall be transacted ~~[every day except as provided by law including the provisions of Section 78-3-24 regarding court administration.]:~~

(a) five days per week; or

(b) no less than four days per week for at least 11 hours per day.

(4) The legislative body of the county, city, or town shall establish operating hours for the justice courts within the requirements of Subsection (3) and the code of judicial administration.

(5) The hours the courts are open shall be posted conspicuously at the courts and in local public buildings. [The judges of county and municipal courts shall attend the court at regularly scheduled times.]

(6) The clerk of the court and judges of county and municipal courts shall attend the court at regularly scheduled times.